AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (canceled).

Claim 2: (canceled).

Claim 3: (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:~~ A filter mounting assembly for a fryer having a tank for containing hot oil and a filter for filtering particulates from said hot oil, said tank having a bottom, said filter mounting assembly comprising:

a slip fitting receiver attached to said tank;

a slip fitting assembly attached to said filter assembly;

said slip fitting assembly having an assembly first end and an assembly second end;

a slip fitting provided at said assembly first end;

said slip fitting slidably engagable to said slip fitting receiver;

said slip fitting assembly having a grasping member attached to said assembly second end;

said slip fitting assembly having an interior flow passageway; and

said grasping member comprising a structure extending upward from said assembly second end defining an opening capable of receiving a hook.

Claim 4: (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~3, further comprising:

an outlet port through said bottom of said tank;

said slip fitting receiver is attached to said outlet port; and

said slip fitting passageway, said slip fitting receiver and said outlet port allowing fluid communication of cooking oil from said filter through said outlet port.

Claim 5: (original) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:

said slip fitting and said slip fitting receiver so constructed that said slip fitting is closely received within said slip fitting receiver.

Claim 6: (original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:

said slip fitting having a fitting length and a fitting width; and

said fitting length greater than said fitting width.

Claim 7: (original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:

said slip fitting further comprising a fitting shoulder;

said fitting receiver having a receiver upper end; and

said fitting shoulder resting on said receiver upper end when said slip fitting is received in said fitting receiver.

Claim 8: (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~3, further comprising:

said slip fitting assembly further comprising a lower cap and an upper cap;

said lower cap and said upper cap threadably connected;

said lower cap having a lower cap lip;

said lower cap lip supporting said filter;

said upper cap having a plurality of ports; and

said plurality of ports in fluid communication with said filter and said slip fitting passageway.

Claim 9: (currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~1~~3, further comprising:

an elongated rod; and

said rod having a hook configured for grasping said grasping member.

Claim 10: (original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

a hook well provided on said rod proximate said hook; and

said hook well configured for pushing said grasping member.

Claim 11: (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~3, further comprising:

a plurality of filters positioned vertical to said bottom of said tank;

a multi-filter connector connected to each of said plurality of filters;

said multi-filter connector attached intermediate said second end of said slip fitting assembly and said grasping member; and

said multi-filter connector in fluid communication with said plurality of filters and said slip fitting assembly.

Claim 12: (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~3, further comprising:

~~said slip fitting having a surface;~~

said exterior surface having a surface taper;

said surface taper constructed such that said exterior surface is larger proximate said filter than the exterior surface distal said filter;

said slip fitting receiver having a complimentary tapered interior.

Claim 13: (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said slip fitting assembly comprises:

an upper cap;

said grasping member attached to said upper cap;

said upper cap having an upper cap body;

said upper cap body having an interior passageway and a plurality of radial ports;

a lower cap having a lower cap passageway;

said upper cap threadedly attached to said lower cap;

said filter located between said upper cap and said lower cap;

said slip fitting attached to said lower cap;

said radial ports in fluid communication with said interior passageway and said at least one filter;

said interior passageway in fluid communication with said lower cap passageway;

said lower cap passageway in fluid communication with said slip fitting;

said slip fitting in fluid communication with said slip fitting receiver; and

said slip fitting receiver in fluid communication with said outlet port.

Claim 14: (currently amended) A filter mounting assembly for a fryer having a tank for containing hot oil and a filter assembly for filtering particulates from said hot oil, said tank having a bottom, said filter mounting assembly comprising:

~~a slip fitting receiver attached to said tank;~~

a slip fitting assembly attached to said filter assembly;

said slip fitting assembly having an assembly first end and an assembly second end;

a slip fitting provided as said assembly first end;

said slip fitting slidably engagable to said slip fitting receiver;

said slip fitting assembly having a grasping member attached to said assembly second end;

said slip fitting assembly having an interior flow passageway;

an outlet port through said bottom of said tank;

said slip fitting receiver attached to said outlet port; ~~and~~

said slip fitting passageway, said slip fitting receiver and said outlet port allowing fluid communication of cooking oil from said filter through said outlet port.

an elongated rod;

said rod having a hook configured for grasping said grasping member;

a hook well provided on said rod proximate said hook; and

said hook well configured for pushing said grasping member.

Claim 15: (original) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

said grasping member comprising a structure extending upward from said assembly second end defining an opening capable of receiving a hook;

said slip fitting assembly further comprising a lower cap and an upper cap;

said lower cap and said upper cap threadably connected;

said lower cap having a lower cap lip;

said lower cap lip supporting said filter;

said upper cap having a plurality of ports; and

said plurality of ports in fluid communication with said filter and said slip fitting passageway.

Claim 16: (canceled)

Claim 17: (original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said slip fitting assembly comprises:

an upper cap;

said grasping member attached to said upper cap;

said upper cap having an upper cap body;

said upper cap body having an interior passageway and a plurality of radial ports;

a lower cap having a lower cap passageway;

said upper cap threadedly attached to said lower cap;

said filter located between said upper cap and said lower cap;

said slip fitting attached to said lower cap;

said radial ports in fluid communication with said interior passageway and said at least one filter;

said interior passageway in fluid communication with said lower cap passageway;

said lower cap passageway in fluid communication with said slip fitting;

said slip fitting in fluid communication with said slip fitting receiver; and

said slip fitting receiver in fluid communication with said outlet port.

Claim 18: (canceled).

Claim 19: (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:~~ A filter mounting assembly for a fryer having a tank for containing hot oil and a filter for filtering particulates from said hot oil, said tank having a bottom, said filter mounting assembly comprising:

a slip fitting receiver attached to said tank;

a slip fitting assembly attached to said filter assembly;

said slip fitting assembly having an assembly first end and an assembly second end;

a slip fitting provided as said assembly first end;

said slip fitting slidably engagable to said slip fitting receiver;

said slip fitting assembly having a grasping member attached to said assembly second end;

said slip fitting assembly having an interior flow passageway;

said grasping member comprising a structure extending upward from said assembly second end defining an opening capable of receiving a hook;

said slip fitting assembly further comprising a lower cap and an upper cap;

said lower cap and said upper cap threadably connected;

said lower cap having a lower cap lip;

said lower cap lip supporting said filter;

said upper cap having a plurality of ports;

said plurality of ports in fluid communication with said filter and said slip fitting passageway;

an elongated rod;

said rod having a hook configured for grasping said grasping member;

a hook well provided on said rod proximate said hook; and

said hook well configured for pushing said grasping member.

Claim 20: (canceled).